4. For improvement of Science Education, 557 High/Higher Secondary Schools are being provided with Laboratory equipment and science books. Science kits are being supplied to 1669 upper primary schools.

5. Under Rural Functional Literacy Project, Jan Shikshan Nilayams are being set up and books, magazines and dailies are being provided to the Nilayams.

Talks with Bangladesh regarding Flood control Measures

3183. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian delegation visited Bangladesh on 18th November, 1988 to hold talks on long term and short term flood control measures;

(b) if so, what are the details of discussions held between the two countries; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The Indo-Bangladesh Task Force met in Dhaka from November 18 to 20. During the meeting the task force held detailed discussions and agreed on the work programme and time-frame for completing the task. The task force identified the short term and long-term areas of cooperation for formulating structural and non-structural measures for flood management.

Enhanching the age of Retirement of Delhi School Teachers

3184. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age of retirement of the Government School teachers in Delhi is proposed to be raised from 60 years to 65 years; and

(b) if so, by when the orders are likely to be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) As per Delhi Administration, no such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Howrah

3185. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Government of India Press Colony, Santragachi, Howrah, West Bengal;

(b) whether Government have accorded sanction therefor;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Ministry of Urban Development had offered vacant flats at GIP Colony for housing the proposed Kendriya Vidyalaya till a permanent building is constructed; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (e) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has received a proposal from Central Government Employees Welfare Co-ordination Committee, Calcutta for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Santragachi.